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Winthrop’s program is funded through 2018 by a renewable TRiO grant from the U.S. Department of Education (PR/Award No.: P217A130111). \$220,000 in federal funding is provided each year for programming and materials that will help 30 eligible, outstanding students complete research and prepare for graduate study. In 2014-15, federal funds represent approximately 70% of program costs. Winthrop and the Winthrop Foundation will contribute the remaining 30% of the budget with over \$95,000 in cash and in-kind matches.

Each year, the twelve-member Winthrop McNair Advisory Board selects new Scholars through a highly competitive application and interview process. All McNair Scholars complete an intensive summer research internship. Several Winthrop Scholars have earned awards for their research; earlier versions of five of the projects described here earned honors at conferences.

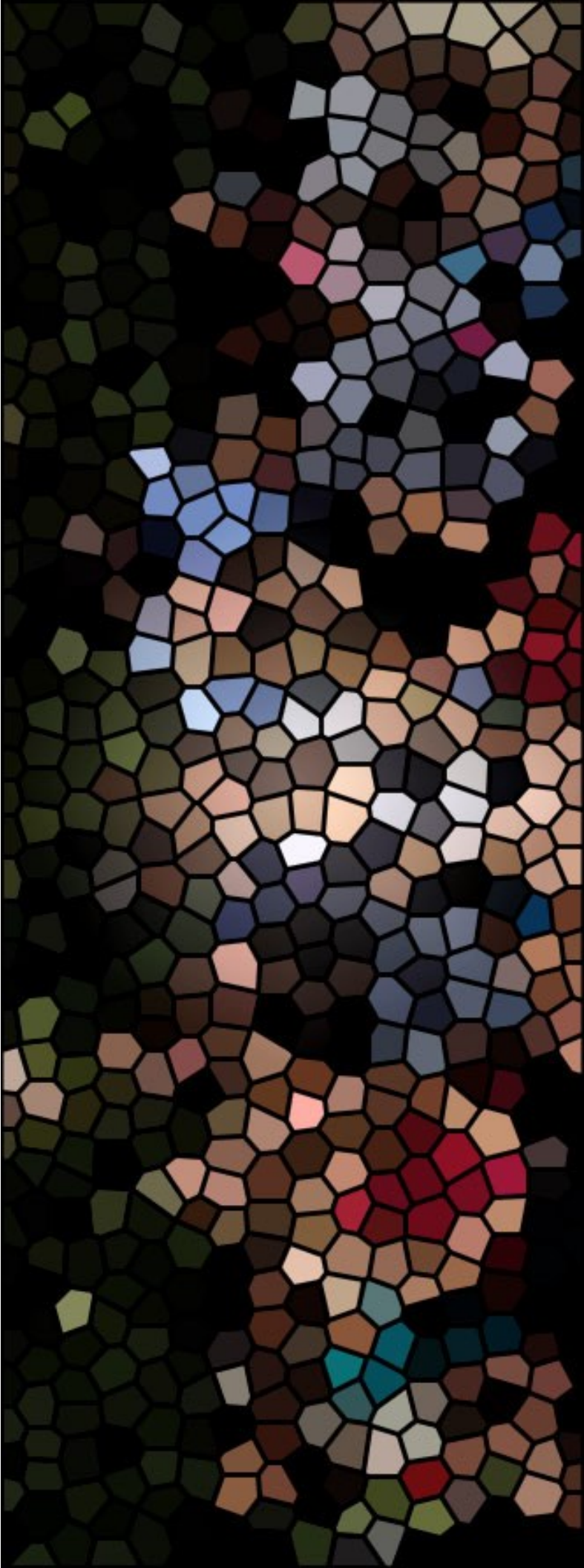
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Winthrop’s program is successful because of the excellent work of our Scholars, expertise of our Mentors, dedication of our staff, support from our Dean, funding from our institution and foundation, and guidance from our Advisory Board.

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